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SUBJECT: US-USSR COOPERATION IN HEALTH (03.00): PROPOSED VISIT
OF SECRETARY MATHEWS

REF: MOSCOW 208

1. IN MEETING 9 FEBRUARY AT MINISTRY OF HEALTH, SCICOUNS PRESENTED SECRETARY MATHEW'S LETTER TO MINISTER PETROVSKIY. IN REPLY, MINISTER PETROVSKIY SENDS TO SECRETARY MATHEWS WARMEST REGARDS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO MATHEWS VISIT TO SOVIET UNION. FOR TIMING, MINISTER SUGGESTS

APRIL, WITH JUNE OR LATE MAY ALSO POSSIBILITIES. MINISTER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MATHEWS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE, AND WILL BE ABLE TO STAY

AT LEAST TEN DAYS, SO THAT VISIT CAN INCLUDE RELEVANT SITES IN CAUCASUS, THE UKRAINE, AND CENTRAL ASIA.

2. RE: SUBJECT MATTER OF DISCUSSIONS, MINISTER ASKED SCICOUNS TO EXPLAIN TO SECRETARY THAT SOVIETS UNDERSTAND MATHEWS "HOLDS THE REINS OF A TROIKA", AND THAT DISCUSSIONS HERE WILL ADDRESS MATTERS ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE. MINISTER ADDED THAT A NATURAL TOPIC WOULD BE PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES IN US-USSR HEALTH AGREEMENT. SOVIETS ALSO PLAN FOR END OF VISIT "APPROPRIATE" DOCUMENTS AND COMMUNIQUE.

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3. SCICOUNS ALSO USED OPPORTUNITY, FIRST SINCE REPLACEMENT

PHOTO ARRIVED, TO PROVIDE PHOTO MEMENTO (REF) TO VENEDIKTOV,
WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT MEETING.

4. PLEASE ADVISE PREFERRED TIMING, ACCOMPANYING PARTY FOR MATHEWS'S
VISIT.

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